

House of Representatives had refused to receive a message from the Senate, because it was not addressed to the Speaker *pro tem*.

Mr. Yancey moved that the President appoint a committee of three to confer with the Attorney-General immediately, upon the question raised by the refusal of the House to receive a communication from the Senate on account of its being addressed "to the Speaker of the House," while the Speaker *pro tem* is in the chair ;

Which was agreed to.

Messrs. Yancey, Rogers and Bielby were appointed as said committee.

Mr. Dunn moved that the Senate takes a recess for ten minutes to await the report of the committee ;

Which was agreed to.

So the Senate took a recess.

The Senate resumed its session.

Mr. Yancey asked that the committee appointed to confer with the Attorney-General, finding him absent from his office, be continued ;

Which was granted.

The President appointed Messrs. Kirk and Yancey as a committee on part of the Senate to act with the committee of the House to examine the Comptroller's and Treasurer's books under Senate Concurrent Resolution No. 1.

Mr. Hind moved that the Senate adjourn until 10 o'clock to-morrow morning ;

Which was agreed to.

The Senate stood so adjourned.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6th, 1889.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the chair.

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names :

Mr. President, Messrs. Bielby, Brett, Bryant, Coulter, Crosby, Dismukes, Dunn, Hammond, Hendry, Hind, Houstoun, Jenkins, Kirk, King, Parkhill, Pirrong, Randell, Rosborough, Schumacher, Smith, Stapleton, Swearingen, Tompkins, Wilkinson and Yancey--26.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

Mr. Yancey moved that the courtesies of the Senate be extended to Mr. Percy Jackson, of Orlando ;
Which was agreed to and the courtesy extended.
The Journal was corrected and approved.

INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTIONS.

By Mr. Randell :

Senate Joint Resolution No. 15 :

Relating to paying assessors for services rendered in the taking of the census for A. D. 1885.

Mr. Randell moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Joint Resolution No. 15 be read the first time by its title ;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote and the resolution was read the first time by its title.

Mr. Randell moved that the rules be waived and that Senate Joint Resolution No. 15 be read the second time ;

Which was agreed to by a two-thirds vote and the resolution read the second time.

On motion of Mr. Randell, the rules were waived by a two-thirds vote and Senate Joint Resolution No. 15 was read the third time and put upon its passage.

Upon the passage of Senate Joint Resolution No. 15 the vote was :

Yeas—Mr. President, Messrs. Bielby, Brett, Coulter, Crosby, Dismukes, Dunn, Hammond, Hendry, Hind, Houstoun, Jenkins, Kirk, King, Parkhill, Pirrong, Randell, Rosborough, Schumacher, Smith, Stapleton, Swearingen, Tompkins, Wilkinson and Yancey—25.

Nays—None.

So Senate Joint Resolution No. 15 passed, title as stated.

Mr. Houstoun moved that the courtesies of the Senate be extended to D. Hawkins, of Leon, and Judge Lawrence, of Boston, Mass ;

Which was agreed to and the courtesy extended.

Mr. Hind offered Senate Resolution No. 16, which, on motion of Mr. Hind, was read as follows :

That the Sergeant-at-Arms of the Senate place on Senator's desk the reports of the Cabinet Officers and of the Railroad Commissioners.

Mr. Hind moved its adoption ;

Which was agreed to and the Resolution was adopted as read.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. Dunn :

Senate Bill No. 13 :

To be entitled an act to exempt yachts used and employed exclusively as pleasure vessels from compulsory pilotage ;

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to Committee on Commerce and Navigation.

By Mr. Stapleton :

Senate Bill No. 14:

To be intitled an act to amend section 2 of chapter 34 of the Laws of Florida as compiled in McClellan's Digest ;

Which was read the first time and referred to the Committee on Corporations.

By Mr. Coulter :

Senate Bill No. 15:

To be entitled an act to require non residents to obtain license for taking fish in large quantities, and to provide a penalty for the violation thereof;

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Committee on Fisheries.

Mr. Yancey, Chairman of the Committee appointed to confer with the Attorney-General upon the question raised by the refusal of the House of Representatives to receive a communication from the Senate on account of its being addressed to the Speaker of the House while the Speaker *pro tem.* is in the chair, asked that the committee be continued ;

Which was granted.

The following communication to Hon. J. W. Tompkins from Hon. A. J. Russell, Superintendent of Public Instruction, was offered by Mr. Tompkins and read :

EDUCATIONAL DEPARTMENT, STATE OF FLORIDA,
OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION,
TALLAHASSEE, April 5th, 1889. }

Hon J. W. Tompkins,

DEAR SIR: I have the great pleasure of conveying to you, to be presented to the President of the Senate, Florida Legislature, a gavel made from the wood of the Osage orange. by the students of the manual training departments of the State Agricultural and Mechanical College, and presented by them as a small token of their appreciation of the Honorable Senate, and their sincere gratitude for the provision of so important a class of training and knowledge. You will please do me the honor to present the same in any manner you may deem the best.

Very respectfully,

A. J. RUSSELL,

Superintendent Public Instruction.

Mr. Bryant moved that the communication of Hon. A. J. Russell to Hon. J. W. Tompkins be spread upon the Journal ;

Which was agreed to.

Mr. Tompkins presented the gavel made by the students of the Mechanical Department of the State Agricultural and Mechanical College at Lake City, with the following remarks :

MR. PRESIDENT: Having the honor of representing in this body Columbia county, where the Agricultural and Mechanical College is located, I have been selected to present to you this token of appreciation by the students of that institution, for the great liberality with which their college has ever been treated by the Florida Legislature. Though in itself this gavel amounts to nothing, it evidences the fact that there exists in our State an industrial institution where mechanical skill is being cultivated, and that in a few years, yes, even now, young men are being sent forth into the world prepared to enter life fully equipped to pursue useful and successful lives, by having acquired through practical training full knowledge of mechanical science and arts. It is well enough to teach the classics, but if we were to take our own choice to have one or the other, I think in a few years the people of the whole State would agree with me, that rather than to lose the Agricultural and Mechanical College they would let the classics go.

Which upon motion of Mr. Swearingen was ordered to be spread upon the Journal.

The President received the gavel with the following appropriate remarks :

On behalf of the Senate I accept this gavel, and return, through Major Russell, the hearty thanks of this body to the students of the Agricultural and Mechanical College for this beautiful specimen of their handiwork, assuring them that we regard their institution as one of which the people of Florida are justly proud, and trust that the career of usefulness and prosperity upon which it has entered, may grow and brighten with the coming years.

Which, upon motion of Mr. Dunn, was ordered to be spread upon the Journal.

Senator Yancey offered the following resolution :

Be it resolved, That the Senate of Florida desires to join its presiding officer in returning thanks to Major A. J. Russell, the honored Superintendent of Public Instruction of the State, and to the students of the Agricultural and Mechanical College, for the token presented to the President of the Senate, and to assure the officers and students of that institution of the earnest interest of the Senate in its continued prosperity ;

Which was read and adopted.

Mr. King moved that Senator Stapleton be added to the

committee to visit the Deaf and Dumb Institute at St. Augustine ;

Which was agreed to, and the addition made.

The President announced the following committee to visit the convicts' camp :

Committee to Visit Convict Camp : Senators Wilkinson and Rogers.

Mr. Stapleton moved that the Senate adjourn to 10 o'clock Monday morning ;

Which was agreed to and the Senate stood so adjourned.

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MONDAY, APRIL 8th, 1889.

The Senate met pursuant to adjournment.

The President in the Chair.

The roll was called and the following Senators answered to their names :

Mr. President, Messrs. Bailey, of 22d, Bielby, Brett, Bryant, Coulter, Crosby, Dismukes, Hammond, Hendry, Hind, Jenkins, Kirk, King, Parkhill, Pirrong, Randell, Rosborough, Schumacher, Smith, Stapleton, Swearingen, Tompkins, Tuten-Wilkinson and Yancey—26.

A quorum present.

Prayer by the Chaplain.

The Journal was corrected and approved.

INTRODUCTION OF BILLS.

By Mr. Coulter :

Senate Bill No. 17 :

To be entitled an act allowing bail to be given in all bailable criminal proceedings in any county in this State when the accused person or persons may be arrested ;

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

Also,

Senate Bill No. 18 :

To be entitled an act to make provision for bringing suits against the State ;

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to Committee on Judiciary.

By Mr. Yancey :

Senate Bill No. 19 :

To be entitled an act to establish a criminal court of record in the county of Lake ;

Which was read the first time by its title and referred to the Judiciary Committee, accompanied by the petition presented with the same.

Mr. Parkhill moved that Mr. Frank Phillips be invited within the bar of the Senate ;

Which was agreed to and the invitation extended.

On motion, Mr. W. A. Bisbee was invited to a seat within the bar of the Senate.

On motion of Mr. Yancey the courtesy of the Senate was extended to Hon. A. St. Clair Abrams.

Mr. Yancey moved that 900 additional copies of the State Constitution be printed for the use of the Legislature ;

Which was agreed to and the order made.

Mr. Parkhill, chairman of Committee on Commerce and Navigation, submitted the following report :

SENATE CHAMBER,
TALLAHASSEE, Fla., April 9, 1889. }

HON. J. B. WALL,

President of the Senate :

SIR : Your Committee on Commerce and Navigation, to whom was referred—

Senate Bill No. 13 :

To be entitled an act to exempt from compulsory pilotage, yachts used and employed exclusively as pleasure vessels,

Beg leave to report that they have considered the same and recommend that it do not pass.

Very respectfully.

C. B. PARKHILL,
Chairman of Committee.

Mr. Dunn moved that Senate Bill No. 13 be recommitted to Committee on Commerce and Navigation ;

Which was agreed to, and Senate Bill No. 13 was so referred.

By permission, Mr. King introduced—